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AND

DESCENDANTS.

FROM

JULY 19, 1782, TO DECEMBER 25, 1877.

By

HENRY C. SMITH

AND

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PREFACE

ICHABOD SMITH -- I look at the name, trying to catch inspiration from it, but it has neither Mc, De, La, or Van before it -- nothing suggestive of a foreign coat-of-arms, or of high-born extraction; simply a plain, substantial, honest name, an index of his character, and his bequest to his numerous descendants. The name Ichabod, in his case, is surely a misnomer. The Bible translation is, "the glory has departed from Israel," but many children are called a man's glory, and his quiver of fifteen was surely filled. The name Smith is a very ancient and honorable one; it is by some said to be directly descended from Shew, and that the genealogy is easily traced, thus: Shew, Shewet, Schmitt, Smith.

ICHABOD SMITH was born in Springfield, Mass., July 19th, 1782. His father dying in his infancy, he was taken and reared by his uncle, Abel Pasko, who lived near Sandy Hill, N. Y. In 1803 he went to that part of Tioga Co., Penn., that was afterwards Covington Township. He was married April 17, 1809, to ANNA HARKNESS (*), who was born in Hebron, Washington Co., N. Y., May 22, 1790. She removed to Bradford Co., Penn., in 1806. There were born unto them in Tioga County, five children, in order as follows: Harriet, Abner Harkness, William Sidney, Roxana, and Edson F. In 1817 he moved with his family to Richland Co., Ohio, where were born Betty, David Milo, and James M. In 1824 they moved to Crawford Co., Ohio, where were born Sarah Ann, Sophronia, Martha Jane and Ichabod R.

During his twenty years of residence in Ohio he bought and cleared three farms in the heavily timbered country.

In 1837, where his eldest son had preceded him five years, he, with his wife and eight children, moved to Peoria Co., Illinois, where, in less than a year, on Dec. 7, 1837, his wife died. In September, 1840, he was married to Mrs. Almira Aldrich, who was born in Kirby, Vermont, Jan. 15, 1809. There were born unto them three children, Myron, Laura, and Lucy. On Nov. 3, 1856, almost seventy-four years of age, like a sheaf of wheat fully ripe, he passed peacefully away.

Having given you, as best I can gather, a brief synopsis of the parent stem, I take each of its branches in their regular order.

(*Note: ANNA HARKNESS, third child and second daughter of JAMES HARKNESS, 1759-1836, a Revolutionary War soldier from Pelham, Mass., and his wife, ELIZABETH EDSON, 1764-1850, born in Bridgewater, Mass., descended from FRANCIS COOKE, 17th signer of the Mayflower Compact, and his wife, HESTER MAHIEU, a French Huguenot.)

RECORD

HARRIET, eldest child, born in Tioga Co., Pennsylvania, Nov. 19, 1809; moved to Ohio with her parents in 1817, and here, Dec. 18, 1827, was married to EDDY KETCHUM. There were born unto them ten children, whose names were as follows:

Mary Ann, born January 21, 1829; died January 27, 1833.

Daniel, born May 12, 1831; married Mary C. McVicker Feb. 7, 1856. There were born unto them four children, one son and three daughters. Home, Atkinson, Illinois.

Nancy M., born March 29, 1833; married John Combs March 30, 1854. Children eight: sons five, daughters three; one son deceased. Home, Bushnell, Illinois.

Eliphalet, born April 12, 1835; married Amanda Hiltabrand Oct. 24, 1861. Sons two, daughters two. Home, Button, Ford County, Illinois.

Ichabod E., born Jan. 10, 1838; married Orrille Doud Jan. 5, 1863. Three sons, one daughter. Home, Rantoul, Illinois.

Smith, born Jan. 7, 1840; married Martha A. Clement Oct. 12, 1865. There were born unto them three sons and one daughter (one son deceased). Home, Kewanee, Illinois.

Spencer, born Nov. 15, 1841; married Electa Atwood Jan. 7, 1864. Sons three, daughter one. Home, Henry, Illinois.

Sidney, born Dec. 3, 1844. Home, Henry, Illinois.

Harriet S., born Aug. 5, 1847; married C. W. Peck June 2, 1868. Sons two, daughters two. Home, Abilene, Kansas.

Martha E., born Feb. 28, 1851; married H. J. Stansell Aug. 23, 1870. Three sons. Home, Dana, LaSalle Co., Illinois.

Eddy Ketchum moved with his family to Marshall Co., Illinois in 1852, where he has resided ever since.

ABNER HARKNESS, second child and first son, was born in Tioga Co., Penn., Oct. 22, 1811. He moved to Ohio with his parents in 1817. In 1832 he came to Illinois with his grandfather Harkness.

After having walked back to Ohio in 1834, on a visit to his parents, he returned to Illinois and settled in Peoria County. Married ELIZA ANN DOYEL, March 10, 1835. There were born unto them seven children.

Mary Ann, born June 27, 1836; died April 10, 1839.

Henry Caldwell, born April 21, 1839; married Clara Holbrook August 30, 1870. One daughter and one son.

Harriett A., born August 29, 1841; married Frank Trumbley Oct. 14, 1868. No children.

George S., born Oct. 23, 1843; married Lucy Blaksley Oct. 2, 1867. One daughter, one son.

Edwin A., born Sept. 12, 1848; married Mercie Caverly Dec. 24, 1870. Two sons, one daughter.

William J., born July 3, 1851; married Anna Emery, Feb. 8, 1876. Anna Smith died May 4, 1877.

Alice A., born Sept. 16, 1857.

Abner Smith, his wife and six living children, all live in Elmwood Township this Christmas, 1877. Henry C. has since moved his family to Chester, Illinois.

WILLIAM SIDNEY, third child and second son, was born in Tioga Co., Penn., June 17, 1813. He moved to Ohio with his parents, and there, April 27, 1837, married NANCY McCURDY. They moved to Peoria County, Ill. 1839. William S. died August 22, 1848.

ROXANA, fourth child and second daughter, was born in Tioga Co., Penn. June 11, 1815, moved to Ohio and Illinois with her parents, and here, March 8, 1838, married JAMES McCURDY. There were born unto them two sons and three daughters. Roxana McCurdy died April 11, 1850.

Anna E., born Dec. 27, 1838; married C. B. Snodgrass Sept. 27, 1856. Eight daughters and two sons; two of the daughters deceased. Home, Linden, Kansas.

Sidney S., born July 12, 1841; married Anna E. Clark Feb. 20, 1868. Four daughters; one daughter deceased. Home, Linden, Kansas.

Martha J., born August 17, 1843; died Sept. 1857.

John, born April 24, 1845; married Evaline Ceroan, Dec. 19, 1867. One daughter. Home, Linden, Kansas.

Nancy P., born August 17, 1848; married E. S. Clark Sept. 25, 1872. Three sons, two deceased. Home, Linden, Kansas.

EDSON F., fifth child and third son, was born in Tioga Co., Penn., Dec. 21, 1816; came to Ohio with parents in 1817; came to Illinois in 1836, where he was married to SARAH HUNGERFORD, May 5, 1841. There were born unto them nine children.

Alfred, born April 28, 1842; died March 7, 1860.

Mary, born March 5, 1844; died March 7, 1845.

Lyman H., born Dec. 28, 1845; married Lucy Hall, Sept. 3, 1866. One daughter. Home, Morning Sun, Iowa.

Ellen, born June 30, 1848; married H. H. Darby Sept. 3, 1866. One daughter and one son. Home, Elmwood, Illinois.

Milo J., born June 20, 1851; married Kate Herrick Jan. 10, 1876. One son. Home, Morning Sun, Iowa.

Anna, born Feb. 26, 1853; died Dec. 30, 1871.

Sidney E., born Sept. 9, 1858.

Martha, born May 8, 1860.

Jennie, born Oct. 18, 1863. Children all born in Peoria Co.

E. F. Smith moved to Morning Sun, Iowa, in 1870, where he resided until he was elected county treasurer of Louisa County in 1877, when he moved to Wapello, the county seat.

BETTY, sixth child and third daughter, was born in Richland County, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1819, came to Illinois with parents in 1837, and married JUSTUS GIBBS Dec. 27, 1838. Family, twelve children, as follows:

Ichabod O., born Oct. 23, 1839; married Mary J. Truitt Dec. 14, 1862. Three sons and two daughters. Home, Elmwood, Illinois.

J. Milo, born July 19, 1841; married Augusta Reisinger Nov. 26, 1863. One daughter and one son. Son deceased. Home, Dwight, Illinois.

Sarah Ann, born Dec. 12, 1842; died Nov. 7, 1860.

Permelia, born Nov. 20, 1844; died Nov. 20, 1844.

Edward J. A., born Jan. 14, 1846; married Alice Stapleton March 16, 1876. One daughter deceased. His wife died April 5, 1877. Home, Mt. Union, Iowa.

Albert J., born Jan. 14, 1848; married Emma E. Wolfinger Nov. 18, 1873. Two daughters. Home, Elmwood, Illinois.

Cornelia B., born Jan. 17, 1850; married W. I. Kirkpatrick Dec. 24, 1866. Three sons and one daughter. Home, Bryant, Illinois.

Harriet I., born Dec. 18, 1851; married E. Lester Brown August 11, 1874; died Dec. 29, 1874.

Amelia R., born Sept. 24, 1854.

Oren S., born Oct. 14, 1856.

Emma C., born Feb. 4, 1859.

Allie J., born March 30, 1862.

These children were all born on the farm where their parents now reside. Six of them live in Elmwood township.

DAVID MILO, seventh child and fourth son, was born in Richland County, Ohio, Nov. 17, 1820. Came to Illinois with his parents, and here, April 3, 1845, was married to ELEANOR D. McCANN. There were born unto them three sons.

David, born June 9, 1846; died July 16, 1846.

Edson, born May 1, 1847; died Oct. 17, 1847.

James J., born Feb. 3, 1849; died May 21, 1850.

Eleanor D. Smith died March 14, 1850.

DAVID MILO was married to ELLEN D. WASSON March 2, 1854. There were born unto them eight children.

Courtland D. F., born Oct. 30, 1856.

Clifton M., born Nov. 21, 1858.

Hattie E., born Dec. 25, 1860.

Lucy M., born April 5, 1863; died March 31, 1865.

Fred M., born Nov. 14, 1865; died July 23, 1872.

Judson J., born May 17, 1869.

Stanley A., born Oct. 30, 1870; died Nov. 20, 1874.

Florence M., born Dec. 15, 1873; died April 2, 1875. Home, Osceola, Iowa.

JAMES M., eighth child and fifth son, was born in Richland County, Ohio, April 10, 1823, came to Illinois with his parents, and married CATHARINE NICKESON March 31, 1853. There were born unto them fifteen children.

J. Edson, born March 5, 1854.

Fred J., born April 6, 1855; died Nov. 6, 1855.

Frank M., born Aug. 20, 1856; died Dec. 18, 1858.

Maggie A., born Sept. 13, 1857.

Harry A., born Aug. 14, 1859.

Fanny I., born Jan. 17, 1861; died May 28, 1864.

Emma E., born Aug. 2, 1863.

Nettie L., born March 15, 1864; died Sept. 23, 1875.

Nellie, born March 15, 1864; died Aug. 21, 1864.

William H., born June 23, 1865; died Sept. 21, 1865.

George H., born Aug. 27, 1867.

Mark J., born June 1, 1869.

Mattie, born Oct. 19, 1870; died Nov. 3, 1870.

Maud A., born Aug. 27, 1872; died March 25, 1873.

Jennie E., born Oct. 6, 1876.

All born in Elmwood township except Mark J., Mattie and Maud, who were born in Iowa, where their parents resided from 1869 to 1873. The present residence of parents and children is Elmwood, Illinois.

SARAH ANN, ninth child and fourth daughter, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, May 26, 1825. Came to Illinois with her parents, and here, Nov. 1, 1849, married JOHN W. CONKLIN. Children all born in Elmwood township.

Esther J., born August 13, 1850.

Ella E., born Dec. 19, 1852.

Henry S., born July 15, 1856; died Nov. 1, 1857.

Eva E., born Jan. 18, 1859.

Sarah W., born July 4, 1861.

Present address of parents and children is Elmwood, Illinois.

SOPHRONIA, tenth child and fifth daughter, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, July 5, 1827, came to Illinois with her parents in 1837, and married JACOB C. NICKESON July 15, 1847. There were born unto them seven children.

John A., born July 24, 1848; married Elizabeth Ewalt March 22, 1872; one son.

Alice, born March 31, 1850; died March 16, 1867.

Charles L., born June 6, 1852.

M. Judson, born Nov. 1, 1855; married Flora Shapley Feb. 10, 1877; one daughter.

Albert S., born June 3, 1858; died Sept. 25, 1877.

Nellie, born June 11, 1862; died June 19, 1863.

Ada, born Jan. 26, 1866; died Jan. 6, 1867.

Children all born in Peoria County. Parents' and children's address, Elmwood, Illinois.

MARTHA JANE, eleventh child and sixth daughter, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, May 5, 1829, came to Elmwood township with her parents, and here, Feb. 2, 1851, was married to JOHN S. KIGHTLINGER. Family, four children.

Anna M., born Feb. 4, 1852; married Edson Harkness (*) Oct. 29, 1871. Home, Elmwood, Illinois.

Ichabod R., born July 12, 1853; married Angie Patterson Dec. 24, 1876. Home, Elmwood, Illinois.

S. Annette, born Feb. 14, 1855; died March 28, 1872.

Charles S., born March 14, 1857; died June 1, 1871.

Martha J. Kinghtlinger died Jan. 8, 1859.

John S. Kightlinger died August 9, 1862.

ICHABOD R., twelfth child and sixth son, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, July 5, 1831, came to Illinois with his parents in 1837, and married EMMA WOODARD April 1859. There were born unto them three daughters and one son.

Olive Oatman, born May, 1860.

Emma May, (dates of birth and death unknown).

James, born January, 1867.

Ada, born April, 1869.

Ichabod R., died in Louisa County, Iowa, Nov. 21, 1869.

MYRON C., thirteenth child and seventh son, and first child of his second wife, was born in Peoria County, Illinois, Aug. 24, 1842; moved to DesMoines County, Iowa, 1866, and there, Oct. 1, 1868, married AMELIA LOTSPEICH. There were born unto them three children.

Clara L., born Oct. 23, 1869.

Jennie A., born August 18, 1871.

Frank E., born August 19, 1874.

Post-Office, Mt. Union, Iowa.

(*Note: EDSON HARKNESS, grandson of JAMES HARKNESS)

LAURA A., fourteenth child and seventh daughter, was born in Peoria County, Ill., March 25, 1845; married JOHN FORBES, May 19, 1863. There were born unto them five children.

Harlan S., born Oct. 18, 1864; died August 30, 1866.

Flora A., born Sept. 4, 1866.

Eva L., born June 15, 1868.

Arthur E., born May 31, 1873.

Robert S., born June 13, 1877.

Since Christmas 1877 Mr. Forbes and family have moved from Elmwood, Illinois, to Crab Orchard, Johnson County, Nebraska.

LUCY, fifteenth child and eighth daughter, was born in Peoria County, Illinois, October 27, 1850, moved to DesMoines County, Iowa, in 1866, with her brother Myron. Here in September 6, 1870, she was married to RILEY LINES. There were born unto them two children.

Gilbert S., born August 17, 1873.

Edna Maud, born July 17, 1875.

Home, Yarmouth, Iowa.

RE-UNION

The descendants of ICHABOD SMITH held a re-union in Smith's Hall, Elmwood, Illinois, Christmas Day, 1877.

The day until two o'clock was spent with music and conversation.

At two o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served. Grandmother Smith sat at the head of the table, and the sons and daughters according to age with their families in order, down to the youngest present.

After dinner H. C. Smith read a very interesting sketch of Ichabod Smith and his descendants to the third generation.

Santa Claus then came forth and distributed the many useful and valuable gifts from a beautiful Christmas tree.

All returned home feeling the day had not only been spent in a family reunion, but in a re-union of the ties of love and interest with every member of the family.

The persons present were:

Grandmother Smith.

Daniel Ketchum and wife.

Mrs. Nancy Combs and son Charles.

Smith, Spencer and Sidney Ketchum.

Mrs. Sophronia Peck and sons, Eddie and Charles.

Abner Smith and wife.

Henry Smith, wife and Maud and Jamie.

Frank Trumbly and wife.

George S. Smith, wife and Amy and Charles.

Edwin Smith, wife, and George, Claud and Hattie.

William J. and Alice A. Smith.

Edson F. Smith and daughters Mattie and Jennie.

H. H. Darby, wife, and Willie and Nellie.

Justus Gibbs and wife.

J. Milo Gibbs, wife and daughter May.

Albert J. Gibbs, wife and daughters Edith and Bertha.

Mrs. Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Frank, Justus, Fred and Pearl.

Amelia R., Oren S., Emma and Allie Gibbs.

E. Lester Brown, Edward J. Gibbs.

James Smith and wife, with Edson, Maggie, Addie, Emma, George and Mark.

John W. Conklin, wife and daughters Esther, Ella, Eva and Sarah.

Jacob Nickeson and wife.

Charlie and Juddie Nickeson.

Edson Harkness and wife.

John Forbes and wife, and Flora, Eva, Arthur and Robert.

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